Sir, I move that an amount of Rs.32,665 under "21-Education—5-Primary Boys—Establishment" be granted to Government. The circumstances under which this large sum is being requested by way of supplementary demand has to be explained. A lump provision of Rs.18,200 was sanctioned in 1121 under "21 Education to give effect to the revision of pay of Primary Teachers from 2nd Dhanu 1121. This amount could not be utilised in 1121 as orders on the fixation of pay were passed only in 1122. The arrear pay etc., on account of the revision of pay have to be paid this year and for this purpose a sum of Rs. 32,665 is required under the head "5 Primary Boys".

Sir, the House is well aware that an announcement was made by the then Maharaja that from the second Dhanu 1121 the primary school teachers will be given an enhanced salary on a new scale of Rs. 20—40. Although that announcement was made an amount was provided for, for being utilised in that year. But for various reasons the amount could not be spent because the salary of the various teachers in various years of service to their credit had to be fixed after elaborate enquiry and that fixation was made only in the month of Kanni 1122. Therefore the amount could be paid only this year. Although therefore it would appear that a large sum by way of supplementary grant is being requested in the middle of the year, really it was money which was provided for in the last year's budget and which for various reasons could be disbursed only this year. I would request this House that this amount of Rs. 32,665 be voted for Government.

Mr. President: Cut Motion by Mr. M. K. Varghese. Mr. Varghese is not in his seat. The question is that a sum of Rs. 32,665 be granted to the Government under "21-Education 5 Primary Boys—Establishment"

Demand put and carried

4. 21-5-Primary Boys-D. A.-Sirkar Schools

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I again move that a sum of Rs. 2,855 under "21—5—Primary Boys—D. A.—Sirkar Schools" be granted to the Government. The reason why this amount is now being asked for has been given in the note and has already been explained by me in moving the previous demand. The previous demand was for Establishment and this is for Dearness Allowance.

Mr. President: The question is that Government be granted an additional seem of Rs. 2,855 under 215 Primary Boys-D.A. Sirkar Schools.

Demand put and carried

5. 21-Education-5-Primary Boys—salary grant

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Sir, I move that an amount of Rs. 38,960 be granted under "21 Education-5 Primary Boys-Salary Grant" be granted to Government. Now the previous sums were for Sirkar teachers. The announcement made last year by the then Maharaja applies not only to Sirkar teachers but also to teachers of private primary sceools and corresponding to the increased salary an enhanced salary grant had to be made by the Government for these schools and for that purpose I pray that an amount of Rs. 38,960 be granted to Government.

Mr. President : There is a cut motion from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.

CUT MOTION No. 1

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I move that the demand of Rs. 38,960 under "21-5 Primary Boys' Salary Grant" be reduced by one rupee. The object of moving this cut motion is to enquire of the Government if this amount or any portion of it has not already been paid, and if paid, to point out to the Government the absence of necessity r impropriety for it. I wait for a reply.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* The Hon'ble Member wants to know whether the amounts have already been disbursed. Sir, the Hon'ble Member more than anyone else in this House is aware that this was a longstanding grievance with the teachers. The announcement was made in Dhanu 1121 regarding enhanced salary and the teachers were anxious that they will get the salary soon, but due to various reasons the salary could not be given, and the salary of different teachers and the grant to be paid to different institutions were fixed only early this year. And further to delay very much payment of these amounts, amounts already

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granted by the gracious proclamation of H. H. the Maharaja and amount already provided for in the Budget last year by the vote of this House would have been most improper and therefore to some extent this increased salary has been disbursed. This statement is applicable not only to this head of expenditure, but also to those items which have already been voted by this House a few minutes back. I therefore submit the House ought to grant this amount to Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkacheri):* I am surprised Sir, that an attempt to refuse this demand made by the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Education is smelt in the cut that I move. The purpose of my cut motion was to ascertain whether the whole amount of the Rs. 30,000 or any portion thereof has already been spent and the answer to that pointed query though circumscribed by various defences was unfortunately, as anticipated by me, in the affirmative; and as pointed out in the cut motion, if the whole amount has been expended which I believe to be the case, or if the whole has not been expended and a portion alone has been spent, that much, cannot under the rules provided in this behalf come in the shape of a supplementary demand. It is improper to ask for a supplementary demand which expression has got its own general meaning. Supplementary means what goes to augment what has been already granted. What was granted was not sufficient. Some thing more is necessary. Therefore for that much which is more than what was originally provided permission of the House is sought which this House has got power either to grant or to refuse. That I believe is the scope of the supplementary demand. Now that the affirmative answer was kindly supplied by the Hon'ble Minister, I go to the second part of my motion with the affirmative answer given with reference to the first portion of the cut motion. I stress Sir, the impropriety to start with, of coming to this House for an amount which has already been spent. I used a very mild expression when I used the word 'impropriety'. I am constrained, Sir, to use a stronger word, and I wish that the proceedings of this House from this afternoon are checked in such a way that it becomes a House presided over by one amongst us raised to that seat in contra-distinction to the Diwan President who has a double face, one that of the Diwan, head of the administration and the other the President, the custodian of the rights and privileges and conventions of this Hon'ble House. Now with that clearly marked distinction Sir, untramelled by considerations of Government with the freedom that this clean atmosphere surrounding the halo of the elected President, our attempt, Sir, should be to see that nothing is done in this House by anybody in this House whether it be the Government, the reserved half of Government, or the transferred half of Government or what goes in the name of the Cabinet system obtaining today or, by the opposition in this Hon'ble House, which has the slightest tinge of going against any of the provisions of the Standing Orders or the conventions established which have to be preserved. It is with that background I have said that if the amount has already been spent, this is an improper demand. My notions of conducting the proceedings of this House, especially under our elected President, compels me Sir, to use a stronger language and I am constrained Sir, therefore, starting with the impropriety then to the injustice of the demand. The third word I want to use, Sir, is that this is an attempt to insult this House—the non-official section of this House—the insult aggravated in its intensity and brutality for the reason that the attempt is seen to be made by our Minister, whom we claim as ours whatever name he is called. The attempt is unjust. My sense of responsibility as an elected member of this House compels me to register my emphatic protest, against the insult though not wantonly made, but still an insult offered to this House, in the severest language with the greatest amount of force that can be commanded for performing this holy duty of an elected member. I submit Sir, I have to say that by coming before this House with a supplementary demand which admittedly takes in at least a portion of the amount which need not be asked for without asking this House had been spent. Therefore, Sir, it is more to register a protest against that attitude. I am prepared to concede Sir, this is not wantonly done, but that leads me to something worse, done in ignorance. If it is not done as a result of ignorance, it is a deliberate action. Ignorance is excusable, deliberate attempt is condemnable. If it is ignorance Sir, we are prepared to excuse him as it behoves us, but the mistake must be admitted. In the face of that, Sir, my moving this cut and later on after hearing the defence by the astute lawer whom I find in our Hon'ble Minister I shall finally decide if I have to press it, although it be the solitary individual in the person of the mover alone—I may do it. It depends Sir, upon the attitude of the Hon'ble Member or the delinquent to decide. So Sir, with these observations I move the cut against the demand which I commend for the consideration first and if necessary to be accepted by the House later completely

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dissociating themselves from the fact that individual members belonging either to this seven or that nine or that twelve or thirteen that go to form what I used to say the jumble of the present day ministry.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member will confine himself to the point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I have not wandered from the point yet. If the Chair so desires I shall of course arrest myself. Before concluding I desire to say that it is my sense of how the deliberations of this House should be conducted when this House has been lucky enough to get the demand, the insistent demand of ours, when this House congratulates itself under such a President no attempt should be made or sought to be made just like the one before it now. I therefore move Sir, this cut and request that this may be considered on its merits, and in this spirit to set right our House to see that when our House is presided over by our distinguished elected President that this is a House, a model for others to follow as I once said before. I therefore commend this for dispassionate consideration by the House.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Sir, one word by way of explanation. I am entirely in agreement with my Hon'ble friend when he says that it is improper and if intentionally done, an insult to this House, if after having incurred the expenditure not voted by this House, the Government comes before this Council for a sanction. But while agreeing with the criticism I must point out that for various reasons it is not applicable to the grant just before this House. This demand was already sanctioned and voted upon by this House in the year 1121 and when that amount was provided by this House for Government in its Education Department, it was then thought that the grant could be disbursed before the year 1121 was out but for various reasons as I have explained earlier it could not be disbursed and therefore the amount had to be spent this year towards money due to teachers in the year 1121. Looking into the spirit of the matter the vote of the House once made is not required to spend the money which for the technical rule that when money is spent this year it must come into this year's budget item. It was already provided for last year by sanction and vote of this House but could not be spent last year as it has got behind it the imprimatur of the sanction of this House for whose rights and privileges my Hon'ble friend from Vadakkancheri is so anxious. Therefore it is only just to get over a technical difficulty that I come before this House to-day to get sanction for this amount. While therefore completely agreeing with my Hon'ble friend for raising once again before Government the rules which ought to have been observed in matters like this, I wish to inform him once again that in this matter Government have not committed any mistake. I do not want to flout the wishes of the House. The amount was spent according to the wishes of the House and therefore I pray that the grant be allowed to Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am sorry Sir, that I have to take up the time of the House by replying to the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Education. He used one expression Sir, namely that this demand has the imprimatur of this House in as much as it has been paid to teachers towards the increased pay.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* One amount was received by the Hon'ble Member himself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The Hon'ble Minister, Sir, is demeaning the level of the House, Sir, I am sorry. It is not for my sustenance, Sir, it is for the charitable work of conducting a primary school, that I have drawn a portion of this amount. The Hon'ble Minister may take it from me that he is not going to gain by such attempts. I expect the Hon'ble Minister, who styles himself as Chief Minister, who has styled himself as 'my Government' to say like that and not as if he is speaking at a dinner table. I am so sorry Sir, to make this observation, but it is so unavoidable.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I mean School Managers like you.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkanhceri):* He may say Sir, something else also. It is like him. You will cry to get the imprimatur for your foolery and beneath all that and you know you can defend yourself. What Sir, I want is the dignity of this House, presided over by our elected President, be preserved, and this sort of argument, Sir, to dupe us by saying that the imprimatur of the House is on the demand in as much as the sanction for the amount has already been received exhibits another dose of ignorance. But such things cannot befool

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me. You are blundering. We want to correct you. There is a rule in our books which guide these financial aspects that amounts sanctioned by this House, if not spent within 12 months, take the shape of a LAPSE which has again to be put forward as a fresh demand before spending it, because supplementary demand means something required to supplement what has already been sanctioned and spent fully or in part.

You are ours, you are blundering, we want to correct you, we want to make you admit your mistake as behoves a man if you deserve to be called a man. The permission of the House has to be asked before spending it because supplementary demands means something required to supplement what has already been sanctioned and spent on the strength of this sanction. Here is a case of our original sanction sought for and granted but, because of the laziness, of dilatoriness, for want of regard for the poor paid teachers, what was asked for to be certainly spent in 1121 itself; by the dilatoriness, by the carelessness, by the want of a sense of responsibility in the case of these poor paid teachers half starved individuals the result was what was granted in 1121 had lapsed. Therefore before spending one single pie you have to get the sanction. I have no quarrel Sir, for having paid it without getting our sanction on the very tenable ground that it is an amount which is urgently to be paid, urgently for the reason that it goes to fill the hungry stomach not only of the eye sunken teacher but of the projeny which can be called human beings because it is the projeny of persons with hungry stomachs but being the amount required to fill the parents stomach as also the children's stomach and to cover their nakedness. But you have absolutely no justification Sir, to insult this House by coming here asking for that amount, which has already been spent and if this individual whose performance I characterise as making a cry in the wilderness moves to reduce the allotment of Rs. 38,950 by rupee one he is only doing his duty. I acknowledge Sir, that it is a cry in the wilderness. But, still, Sir, my sense of duty compels me to register my protest. I have no quarrel over your spending the amount. You have got provision in the same Constitution Act of Cochin in such cases— simply printed paper—under some of the rules 57, 68 or something— my friend the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts will be more correct in the quotation of the section—there is provision in the Act to meet such contingencies. My complaint is not for not getting sanction of this House. But after spending it without placing the statement as allowed and contemplated and authorised by the Act you have, I am afraid, Sir, from the attempted answer given deliberately with the intention of insulting the House and most of the non-ministerial members being absent, I protest against that. But if you do not want to compel me to press it or you refuse me to give leave to withdraw I would press it. But if you will give leave to withdraw I am agreeable to withdraw, emphasising it, repeating it, stressing it, that this insult, let this be the last occasion as stated earlier by me.

Mr. President: Will the Hon'ble Member please avoid repetition? Are you pressing the motion?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: If the Ministerialists do not want to see the sight of an Hon'ble Member or a representative of the people, I am sorry I used Hon'ble—coming in a situation where he is not allowed to withdraw a cut motion because of the weight of the argument to which answer there was none. Therefore as I said I am agreeable Sir, if leave will be granted to withdraw it, but again repeatedly stressing the insult that was caused.

Mr. President: Is the House agreeable for the cut motion to be withdrawn.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

Mr. President: The question is that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 38,960 under "21-5-Primary Boys—Salary Grant".

Demand, put and carried

(6—12) 21—Education—State—Ordinary grant, etc.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs 63,775, under 21 Education—State—Ordinary grant, Rs. 6,255 under—Contribution to D. A. (Aided Schools) Rs. 15,850—Primary Girls—Establishment—Rs. 2,960 Primary Girls—D. A. (Sirkar Schools), Rs. 7,130—Primary Girls—Salary Grant—Rs. 10790 under Primary Girls—Ordinary Grant—Rs. 2,040—under Primary Girls—Contribution to D. A. (Aided Schools) for the reasons explained by me while moving the previous grant.

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